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Uganda

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Uganda due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Uganda due to crime and kidnapping. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(256)256-414-259791; U S Embassy Kampala, 1577 Ggaba Road, Kampala, Uganda

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. Polio vaccination (for children under 5); see WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semiarid in northeast

Currency (Code)

Ugandan shillings (UGX)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



Major Languages

English (taught in schools, used in courts of law and by most newspapers and some radio broadcasts), Ganda or Luganda (most widely used of the Niger-Congo languages and the language used most often in the capital), other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic

Religions

Protestant 45.1%, Roman Catholic 39.3%, Muslim 13.7%, other 1.6%, none 0.2%

Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Kibale Forest National Park; Queen Elizabeth National Park; Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary; Murchison Falls National Park; Tombs of Bugana Kings; Uganda Wildlife Conservation Center
Cultural Practices	Walking over pots, especially those containing food, is considered very rude.
Tipping Guidelines	It is not customary to tip for service in hotels and bars. It is common to tip your driver and guide on a safari or hike, as well as the porter and cook that accompanies the group. Conventionally, \$10-20 (USD) per person per day would be a fair benchmark.
Telephone Code	256
Local Emergency Phone	112 (cell phone), 999 (fixed)

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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